

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

All the Halloween madness is over now and I realize it'll soon be time for Thanksgiving and the onslaught of the holidays! But, before we dive into all that, I want to look back for a moment and thank some special people.

Once again Diane Kirkhart opened her lovely home to us for a two -day Retreat where the Rum Swizzles never disappoint and the White Elephant kept us in stitches (pardon the pun). Donna Sinrud organized meals which were exceptional this year and I loved seeing our long-distance friends Betty Osweiler and Janet Sampson again. Not to be forgotten, an awful lot of sewing got done in those two days!

Thanks go to Gayle Ropp who's made packets for the new name tags which we voted on in September. Contact Gayle if you still need one and let her know if you want your name preprinted.

The Big QU Fall Program featuring Mary Maschuta went off without a hitch thanks to Terri Fischer's able planning. She not only secured the venue, but purchased the food, drinks, gathered quilt stands and, with her able helpers, made sure all went smoothly. Kathy Kinghorn and Carla Schardt have distributed packets of plaid squares for the chapter quilt that will be auctioned off in March. Be sure you get yours and return the four-patch blocks to Kathy ASAP.

Many thanks go to Lesa Schmidt for retyping our lengthy Bylaws in preparation for the much-needed revisions, which can be seen below.

I'm looking forward to Ann Littleton's nine-patch trunk show at our November meeting, and the Holiday Pot Luck and Quilto in December. Note: both meetings are the **3rd** Tuesday of the month.

Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays to All!

*Suzie Buck*

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## Monthly Meetings

Place:  
McLean Baptist Church  
1367 Chain Bridge Rd.  
McLean, VA

Dates:  
4th Tues. most months  
Time: 9:30 AM

## Bees

Dates: Tuesdays  
Time: 10:00 AM

Place:  
Check schedule for  
location and directions

## Proposed Bylaw Changes

We are proposing changes to the Bylaws of the McLean Chapter-Quilters Unlimited. The changes appear below, with the current verbiage to be deleted or replaced in parentheses and the new in **bold**. The full text of the old proposed bylaws can be found on the QU website at:

<http://www.quiltersunlimited.org/docs/McLeanProposedBylaws.pdf>

### ARTICLE III. Membership

Dues: .... A member is dropped from the roster if dues are not paid by (November) **October 1**.

No payment of dues shall be accepted at the Annual Meeting **for the current year**.

### ARTICLE VI. Executive Board

The Executive Board shall: ... authorize all non budgeted expenditures more than (\$25.00) **\$50.00**.

### ARTICLE VII. Duties of Officers

2. The Vice President of the Chapter shall...(be responsible for programs.) **oversee the Program Committee**.

4. The Treasurer of the Chapter shall ... (maintain a current roster of membership;) ...

5. The Nominating Committee Chair shall ... c. submit a written list of nominees to the Executive Board in due time to be included in the notice of the Annual Meeting sent by first class mail or transmitted in electronic format to all members at least 25 days but not more than 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

We will have a brief discussion about the proposed changes at the November meeting and vote on the changes at a Special Meeting which will be held during our December Potluck.

**November 17**

**Nine-Patch Trunk Show with Ann Littleton**

Ann began designing quilts in 1986. Articles and photographs of her quilts have appeared in various publications, including the cover of Quilter's Newsletter Magazine's 'QUILT IT for Keepsakes'. As an experienced teacher/speaker, Ann enjoys combining embellishments and vintage design, along with stories of the friendships of women in her quilts, trunk show programs, workshops and patterns.

**December 15**

**Holiday Potluck and Quilto**

Bring your favorite dish to share (and a serving utensil, if necessary).

**January 26**

**Asian Influences with Bunny Jordan**

The January program will be a slide (power point) lecture and trunk show. Whether your stash is full of those irresistible oriental fabrics or not, there are many ways to incorporate Asian influence in your quilting. Using my own works and images of others, I hope to illustrate oriental design principles and demonstrate some of the ways to convey an Asian influence in quilts. Bunny

**McLean Auction Coming in March!!!**

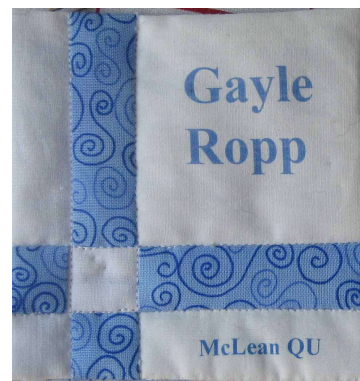
We know it's early, but when you get out your holiday stuff, keep in mind that McLean QU's auction is in March 2010. We have Kathy Kinghorn heading up the chapter quilt top that will be auctioned. Many of you will have had a hand in making some of the blocks. We are looking for some wonderful and unique items and services that only you McLean quilters can come up with. Please help us make it one of the best ever.

Co-chairs: Carole Marti and Gayle Ropp

**New McLean QU Name Tags**

If you haven't received your new name tag packet from Gayle Ropp, please let her know. She not only took on the job of updating our name tags from the three options we voted on in September, but has offered to print our names for us on printer-friendly fabric (for 50¢ to cover the cost). You can also write your name with pen, use embroidery, etc. Each packet even includes a cord so you can wear it around your neck when a few fasteners are added from "hook & eye" sets. You can reach Gayle at 703-527-6983 or [gayleropp@verizon.net](mailto:gayleropp@verizon.net).

Caution: iron the printed name carefully while you construct your tag. The blue ink can smear.



**SERVICE COMMITTEE**

Our service bee will take place on Tuesday, January 12 beginning at 10am. This is the second Tuesday of the month. We are in need of tops for this bee. Packets will be available at our church meetings and church bees. When you return a finished top, please return the photo with the top and in the plastic bag. We will be in need of quilters to tie, trim and finish the quilts at the service bee. A sign -up sheet will be circulating at our December meeting.

We are always in need of fabric for the backs of our quilts, especially kid and baby fabric. The size needed is 1 and 3/4 yards.

I have been marking our strip quilts with a thread every 6 inches to give the look of 6 inch squares. Hopefully this will help with tying these quilts.

Our deepest thanks for your help this year. If you have any questions contact Mary Pace at 703-536-5857 or [shannon1216@hotmail.com](mailto:shannon1216@hotmail.com).

Service Committee: Mary Pace, Debbie Taylor, and Loretta Sullivan

### Quilter's Tip - Waxing Thread

This tip came from Judy Hendrickson who's been using it for years. Melt a few sticks of plain paraffin wax in a double boiler; Judy uses an old coffee can in a pan of water over the stove with enough wax to cover a spool of thread. Heat the wax till melted and add your spool of thread. **Caution:** paraffin wax is flammable, so heat carefully and don't leave unattended! Heat for as little time as possible as toxic fumes are possible. Allow the spool to sit in the liquid wax for about 5 minutes. The wax must soak through all the thread on the spool. When you think the spool is saturated, remove and place on a piece of foil to dry. If the first few inches of thread seem too thick with wax, just snip and throw away; but, after that, you should have waxed thread - and you can use any color thread you like. Judy likes to use this for binding her quilts. She stores the wax in the coffee can with a plastic lid and reuses it whenever the need arises.

### \*When you're dealt lemons, make a quilt!!\*

The custom over the past few years in McLean QU has been to send cards or letters of cheer to members facing health or other big challenges. We like to add to this six inch squares of fabric related to the lemon theme. These can be fabrics with lemons or good lemony yellows or other colors that go with the theme - greens you might see on a lemon tree, pink for a pink lemonade theme, sky blue, or anything else you think might work. Please let Carolyn Lynch, [sbsue2u@gmail.com](mailto:sbsue2u@gmail.com), know of someone you think might enjoy this so we can spread the word. Also, if you have a pattern you think might work with these squares, let her know as well.

### BYOM (Bring Your Own Mug)

Let's help McLean QU become more friendly toward the environment. There was wonderful support for this effort last year and I'm sure it will be even better this year. Please bring your own reusable mug for your beverage to the monthly meeting and put your name in for a door prize. We'll have a basket at the welcome table. Anne Webb, Mclean QU member living in New Zealand, has sent us "mug bags" and the pattern. Don't worry if you forget; there will be disposable cups available.

Lura Alsalam and Lesa Schmidt, Hospitality committee

### Eyeglasses for Lions Club

Do you have any old glasses or cases at home that you would like to see recycled? Give them to Connie Doberenz at a meeting or bee. She will pass them on to Sandy Easterwood for the Lions Club.

### Food Volunteers

Quilters, please take time to sign up to bring a "food goodie" to our monthly meetings. The sign-up will be on the table in the back room where all the food is set out. The optimum number of members bringing in food would be 9 or 10 for each meeting. We love to see appetizers, sweets, fruits, sandwiches, or that special item that you make. Since quilters are also great cooks, be prepared to be asked for your recipe!

Cindy Wilson [jscbwilson@cox.net](mailto:jscbwilson@cox.net)

### Birthday Column

Happy birthday to the members with birthdays from mid-November through the next newsletter in December. Please note: your name will not appear in the birthday column unless you put your birthday on your membership form.

#### NOVEMBER

Dorothy Furey	18
Bunnie Jordan	19

#### DECEMBER

Barbara Wynne	1
Jean Moore	2
Carolyn Scherer	5
Mary Pace	16
Mary Hastings	28

#### JANUARY

Sandy Easterwood	2
Peggy Murray	17
Lesla Schmidt	26

### Schedule of Events

- Nov. 17 Ann Littleton Nine-Patch trunk show at the church
- Nov. 24 NO BEE
- Dec. 1 Bee at the church
- Dec. 8 Bee at Diane Kirkhart's (703-749-4645) 1452 Carrington Ridge Lane, Vienna. From Belt-way take Rt. 7 West. As soon as you cross Toll Road, turn left onto Jarrett Valley Dr. Take 2nd left. House is on the corner.  
Food volunteers – Carole Marti & Connie Doberenz
- Dec. 15 Holiday Potluck and Quilto  
Bring your favorite dish to share (and a serving utensil, if necessary).
- Jan. 5 Bee at the church
- Jan. 12 Service bee
- Jan. 19 Bee at Nancy Fallone's (703-533-3907) 3542 N. Abington St., Arlington. Old Dominion Drive to Arlington. Turn left on Williamsburg Blvd. Turn right at light at Glebe Rd. Make 2nd Left on Abingdon. Turn left into cul-de-sac.  
Food volunteers – Alice DeLaVergne & Jan Fuoto
- Future dates:
- Jan. 26 Bunny Jordan Asian Influences lecture and trunkshow at the church
- Feb. 23 Round Robin, \$5 table yard sale
- Mar. 23 Auction
- Apr. 27 Ann Fahl lecture and trunkshow (workshop to be announced)
- May 25 End of the year potluck

### Everyone loves a Bargain!

Suzie's looking for a handful of volunteers to help with a "\$5 table/Bargain table" at our February meeting, just like we have at our annual Auction. Our Auction chairs won't be including this in their March event but we hate to give it up. If you're interested in helping, please contact Suzie ([suziebuck@aol.com](mailto:suziebuck@aol.com)) and we can plan.

### Wanted - Round Robin Demonstrators

If you have a specialty or know a member who you would like to give a demo at our February meeting, please contact Sandi Goldman (703-764-4479 or [tobquilten@aol.com](mailto:tobquilten@aol.com)) or Pat Blood ([bloodbj@yahoo.com](mailto:bloodbj@yahoo.com)) with the information.

### Bees

McLean QU has always had open bees. There's nothing to join; just show up and share in the camaraderie. Our bees will keep the same set-up this year as in the past few years. The first bee of every month will be at the church and the remainder in members' homes, with all starting at 10 a.m.

The bees at the church are usually very busy. They often last into the middle of the afternoon with some just stopping by for a quick visit while others spend the entire time. Bring your current project and spend the day working in the company of your fellow quilters. If you don't have a project you want to drag in, the service committee usually has a few quilts to tie or fabric to cut. If you have a problem with whatever you're working on, you can always find someone (or lots of someones) willing to lend a hand or advice.

The bees in homes are a great way to get to know your fellow McLean members. Our hostess is helped out by a couple of others with food. These bees usually last until about 12 and have a slower pace than the church bees. We hope to see many of you at the bees throughout the year. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Nancy Fallone, 703-533-3907, [nfallone@verizon.net](mailto:nfallone@verizon.net)

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	Jan Fuoto	703-255-2067

Please send any information on someone needing "Sunshine" (a card) to Jan Fuoto (thru end of year)  
[jrsfuoto@verizon.net](mailto:jrsfuoto@verizon.net) or 703-255-2067

### Big QU Newsletter

Big QU has gone green. There was a question on your membership form asking if we could email your big QU newsletter to you. If you answered YES or you didn't answer the question, but you gave us an email address, you should have gotten emails with links to the previous 5 newsletters on the QU website. **Please consider answering YES on your 2009/2010 membership form for the big QU newsletter and the McLean newsletter questions for electronic newsletters.**

**The big QU newsletter is being viewed on the website by nearly 90% of the members who were notified by email. This is saving hundreds of dollars in printing and distribution costs for each issue of the newsletter.**

### QU Digest

Do you subscribe to the QU Digest? The QU Digest is published every few days, depending on the amount of news submitted. Once you subscribe, you will receive regular news about QU events, QU members and the quilt community at large, quilting tips, and interesting websites. There is also ongoing news about workshops and shows by QU and other guilds, bus trips, pleas for missing books or fabric, moving notices, classified ads, yard sales, etc. A submission doesn't have to be quilt related! Subscribers are able to log onto a website to see QU Digest archives for the last few years, download a directory of e-mail subscribers, access a wide range of quilting tips submitted by readers, and see photos of workshops and events. If you wish to subscribe to the QU Digest, e-mail Barbara Tricarico (V, McL) at [QUDigest@cox.net](mailto:QUDigest@cox.net). Include your name, QU chapter, and e-mail address.

### Newsletter Submissions and Suggestions

Have you visited a quilt show recently and had a good time? Did you find a great quilt shop on your vacation that you think others should hear about? Please send a review to me for the newsletter. Also, send in your photos, tips and hints. I'll try to include as much as I can. Any input from you would be gratefully appreciated.



Any comments or suggestions about our newsletter would also be appreciated.

Are you overwhelmed by paper? Would you like to help QU "go green?" If you get your McLean and big QU newsletters mailed to you and you would like to see them on your computer, let me know. I'll get you added to the email lists. You'll get them sooner and see the pictures in color, too.

Connie Doberenz at [cdoberenz20191@comcast.net](mailto:cdoberenz20191@comcast.net)

**Submission deadline for the next newsletter - January 7**

**Please honor the deadline so that I can get the newsletter out on time.**